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Enough of this case! If anyone cares to check, the singular event which caused the stock markets to slide into the basement was the outrageous decision by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to fracture Microsoft into several parts. If nothing else, the degree to which Micorsoft and its products have become the de facto standard in an environment which changes daily, Judge Jackson's decision placed the entire tech world, and, by extension, the new economy on a path to instability. As the appellate court correctly found, that remedy was too severe. Now, with settlement at hand, a few unhappy states are threatening to put their sole interests above the interest of the nation by refusing to accept the settlement agreed to by the Department of Justice and Micorsoft. Further litigation of this matter offers nothing for the consumer--the intended beneficiary of the action in the first place--beyond that which has already been agreed. If anything, drawing this out continues to hurt the consumer by diverting Microsoft's attention away from the creation of new products to defending a lawsuit whose issues are moot. Let's get off the back of one of the nation's most successful companies and end this case once and for all.

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